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SUBJECT: WHALING IN PERU

REF: 76 LIMA 4516

1. SEPTTEL OUTLINES INITIAL STEPS UNDERWAY BY USG TO  
DETERMINE POSSIBILITY OF APPLICATION OF PELLY AMENDMENT  
SANCTIONS AGAINST PERU AND SOUTH KOREA BECAUSE OF WHALING  
OPERATIONS WHICH MAY BE SEEN AS DETRIMENTAL TO CONSERVATION  
PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION (IWC).

2. REFTTEL REPORTED GOP UNWILLINGNESS TO JOIN IWC ON GROUNDS  
MEMBERSHIP WOULD SEVERELY LIMIT PERU'S FISHING FOR WHALES -  
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AN INDUSTRY EARNING FOREIGN EXCHANGE OF "OVER \$2 MILLION A  
YEAR". THAT INCOME WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE REDUCED TO ZERO  
ON PERU'S JOINING IWC. IT COMPARES AS BELOW WITH INCOME  
EARNED FROM IMPORTATION OF FISHERY PRODUCTS INTO U.S. FROM  
PERU, WHICH COULD BE EMBARGOED IF REPEAT IF PELLY AMENDMENT  
APPLIED. FIGURES IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS:

YEAR ALL FISHERY PRODUCTS FISHMEAL COMPONENT

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| 1974 | 14.6 | 6.2  |
| 1975 | 21.5 | 15.3 |
| 1976 | 23.9 | 18.4 |

3. WHALING BY PERU WAS SPOTLIGHTED IN FULL-PAGE AD IN WASHINGTON POST MARCH 21 ADDRESSED TO VISITING PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA OF JAPAN, UNDER HEADLINE "STOP THE WHALE KILLING". COPY POUNCHED LIMA. AD CITES U.S. MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION REPORT OF FEBRUARY 11 TO SECRETARY COMMERCE OF FINDING THAT PERU AND SOUTH KOREA ARE "OFFENDING NATIONS" UNDER PELLY AMENDMENT AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY PRESIDENT FOR EMBARGO ON IMPORTS OF PERUVIAN AND KOREAN FISH PRODUCTS. AD ALSO HAS FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: QUOTE IN PERU,...THE WHALING STATION IS OWNED BY THE NIPPON HOGEI CO. HERE, MORE THAN 1800 WHALES ARE KILLED ANNUALLY, MANY OF THEM UNDERSIZE. ACCORDING TO WHALE SCIENTISTS, WHALE POPULATIONS ON THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA ARE BEING SEVERELY DEPLETED BY THE PERUVIAN WHALERS, WHO SHIP MORE THAN 2500 TONS OF WHALE MEAT TO JAPAN EACH YEAR. UNQUOTE

4. IF JAPANESE COMPANY IS MAIN EXPORTER OF WHALE MEAT FROM PERU, QUESTION MIGHT BE RAISED AS TO NET BENEFIT TO COUNTRY OUT OF \$2 MILLION EXPORTS ANNUALLY.

5. PERUVIAN EMBASSY HERE HAS LEARNED OF POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF PELLY AMENDMENT AND HAS BEEN PROVIDED GENERAL INFORMATION RE IT PLUS TRADE FIGURES ABOVE.

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